

## ABSTRACT

**[0085]** The present invention is directed to method of using vitamin E, vitamin C and a carotenoid in the manufacture of a foodstuff for reducing nucleic acid damage in a companion animal. The inventions is also directed to a process and a foodstuff for reducing nucleic acid damage in a companion animal that includes the step of feeding the companion animal a foodstuff containing vitamin E, vitamin C and a carotenoid. The process and foodstuff can also include taurine. Preferably the vitamin E is present at a concentration of from 25IU/400kcal diet or above, the vitamin C is present at a concentration of from 10mg/400kcal or above and the carotenoid is present at a concentration of from 0.01mg/400kcal or above. Preferably, the taurine is present at a concentration of from 80mg/400kcal or above.